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FOR: IMAGE SENDING METHOD AND IMAGE SENDING DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 24, 2008 of the above-referenced application. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18-20 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,488,483 to Murayama in view of U.S. Patent 6,614,551 to Peek. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding the rejection of independent claims 1, 7, and 13 over the proposed combination of Murayama in view of Peek, the proposed combination does not teach or suggest an image sending method or image sending device including: "setting an image quality for the image data to be sent," or "setting a resolution corresponding to the selected image quality," as recited in independent claim 1 (*see also* independent claims 7 and 13).

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